# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# DEFENCE
# LOK SABHA

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SHORTAGE OF PILOTS
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Shortage of pilots cripples Air Force" as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 16th June, 2001;

(b) if so, whether the shortage of pilots had an adverse impact on Air Force; and

(c) the efforts being made by the Government to meet the shortage of trained pilots?

## Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) to (c): Government are aware of the said news item. While there is an overall shortage of pilots in the Indian Air Force, the combat units are being manned almost 100% by making some internal adjustments.

Sustained publicity efforts are on to attract talented youth to the IAF. Schools and Colleges are visited regularly to generate interest. A website is also operative on the internet to provide career information.